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Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to present this year's Parish Annual Report titled *thanks*GIVING for Our Blessings. I am truly grateful for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

One of our greatest blessings is the youth of our parish — the next generation of Christ's disciples and the future of our Church. We are currently developing a new and innovative curriculum for faith formation, designed to inspire our children through unforgettable experiences that lead them closer to the Holy Spirit.

Our blessings also include the numerous impactful ministries within our parish, supported by dedicated volunteers who reach out to the sick, the poor and the elderly. I encourage you to read through our ministry listings and consider becoming part of this transformative work. We always welcome more helping hands!

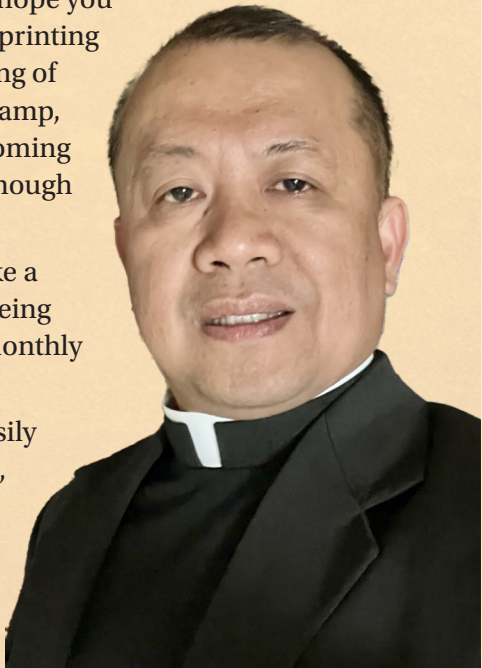
I would also like to highlight our parish summer social and the annual golf outing that we had in July and August, which serve to not only support our community but also to foster a joyful spirit while advancing our mission to grow in faith and service.

You, too, are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting our community through your generous donations. The next time you visit, I hope you notice the improvements done at the parish office with the new signboard and the new printing machine, and at the social hall with the repair of the air conditioning system, net covering of the score board, wall padding panels, JBL sound system, installation of the permanent ramp, and upgrading of the cooking and storage equipment. These enhance our parish's welcoming atmosphere. The security camera on our property will be installed as soon as we have enough funds, creating a safer environment.

I now invite you, with prayerful consideration of your current financial situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish as a way to express your gratitude to God for the good work being done here. If you are able, perhaps you might also consider increasing your weekly or monthly offertory as a sign of thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon you.

For your convenience, we have included a GIVING QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Of course, traditional check and cash donations are always deeply appreciated as well.

Yours in Christ,
Father Efren Ambre



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Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with your fellow parishioners by attending one of these upcoming events:

- **October 24 – Prayer and Perfect Pairings**, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. A five-course meal and wine pairings with recipes from Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Father Christopher J. Pujol, Father Andrew J. Hamilton, Father John Torres and Father Daniel E. Carr; proceeds benefit Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg (tickets: DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings).
- **October 27 – Bingo Social**, 2-5 PM (doors open at 12:30 p.m.), St. Mary’s Social Hall (proceeds benefit the partner parishes)
- **November 9 – Parish Bonanza**, 6:30-9 PM, St. Mary’s Social Hall (proceeds benefit St. Peter Parish)
- **December 7 – Breakfast with Saint Nicholas**, 9:30 AM, Saint Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon. Free event with brunch, photos with Saint Nicholas, an art project and a show about cultural versions of Saint Nicholas (details available in November: DioceseofGreensburg.org).
- **December 14 – Christmas Night Market**, 2-9 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Food and craft vendors, cards, gift and décor booths, 4 PM Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick and the Diocesan Youth Choir, artist Pipka Ulvilden with her Blessed Mother and Nativity creations, Christmas cookies, and wine tastings (details: ChristmasNightMarket.org).
- **December 15 – Pancake Breakfast**, 9 AM-1 PM, St. Mary’s Social Hall (includes breakfast with Santa)



Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 554
2023: 800
2022: 820

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



297



Baptisms
2024: 18
2023: 12
2022: 21

Weddings

2024: 5
2023: 5
2022: 5



Funerals
2024: 41
2023: 46
2022: 42

Households that Give

390

Households that Don't Give

164

New to Our Parish

A fundraising committee headed by Caroline Fecek under the Finance Council Umbrella will plan and suggest year-round fundraising activities. Bill Lindsey has been tasked with engaging with the original security agents in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus. Larry Franks, as head of the Worship Commission, will work with Marilyn Smargie to initiate a choir group. The Vocation Ministry Team has been activated under the Socialization Commission of the Pastoral Council, with Gloria Wheeler as the head. The Cavrak sisters will continue leading the kitchen crew, especially during the fish fry dinners.



Giving With Gratitude



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BY MAIL:
Saint Peter Parish
118 Church Street
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IN PERSON:
Monday – Friday – 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM



ONLINE:
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Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 305,922	\$ 310,485	\$ 302,878
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,109	3,235	1,937
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	148,880	154,208	20,754
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	11,921	85	7,918
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	3,947	1,169	34,840
Special Collections	8,848	34,955	21,202
Total Income	\$ 480,627	\$ 504,137	\$ 389,529
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 69,186	\$ 82,902	\$ 87,562
Church	27,132	31,142	48,938
Rectory	4,489	4,464	-
Education and Ministry	68,034	52,604	46,574
General Expenses	324,561	249,261	158,094
Special Collections	7,698	9,331	21,182
Extraordinary Expenses	366	1,780	592
Total Expenditures	501,466	431,484	362,942
Net Operating Income (Loss)*	\$ (20,839)	\$ 72,653	\$ 26,587

*Net Operating Loss for FY24 is a reflection of the Social Hall expenses of \$98,924.56 posted to the ledger as opposed to the Upon This Rock Campaign Account.

Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Bereavement Ministry groups
- Liturgical Ministries
- Ushers
- Welcoming Ministry and Hospitality Ministry
- Social Service Organizations
- Social Service Ministry
- Helping Hands Ministry
- Sacramental Formation Ministry
- Vocation Ministry

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically kitchen crew volunteers. Please call the parish office today at 724-785-7781 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

